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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF MILK AND GHEE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of milk and desi ghee has been affected due to late monsoon in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the production of milk and ghee recorded in the country during the previous year;

(d) whether production of milk and ghee is estimated to be less than the prescribed target during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to control the prices of milk and milk products and fulfill the shortage of these products in the country; and

(g) the assistance provided for promotion of dairy industry during the last three years and the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) to (f): The impact of delayed or insufficient rainfall on production of milk in the country will be finally known after the estimation of milk production for the year 2006-07 is completed. However, Government of India has not received any report on overall production of milk having been affected due to late monsoon in the country. A major portion of ghee is produced in the unorganized sector in the country, as such no authentic data on production of ghee is available. The milk production in the country is as under:-

Year	Quantity in metric tonnes
2004-05	90.7
2005-06	94.6 (provisional estimate)
2006-07	97.8 (target)

The target of milk production in 2005-06 is also likely to be achieved.

(g): The assistance provided for promotion of dairy industry during the last three years and the current financial year is annexed.

Annexure

(Rs.in crore)

Scheme	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (up to 31.07.2006)

Intensive Dairy Development Programme. Strengthening Infrastructure	16.28	25.70	39.91	2.06
for Quality and Clean Milk Production	Nil	24.64	30.39	4.97
Assistance to Cooperatives	2.71	9.82	5.46	Nil
Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund	Nil	Nil	15.80	Nil
Promotion of dairy processing industries scheme of ministry of Food processing industries	1.53	3.57	6.38	0.69